

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday August 18th, 2024

Silent Key Paddy Brennan EI8DA

We were saddened to learn of the death of Paddy Brennan EI8DA who passed away on April 29th, 2024. Formerly of Kilbeggan, Co. Westmeath, he was laid to rest in Calvary Cemetery in Co. Louth. We extend our deepest condolences to his wife Phyllis, his family, and wide circle of friends. May Paddy rest in peace.

News from the IRTS

The Irish Radio Transmitters Society (IRTS) is thrilled to announce its participation in the vibrant Dublin Maker 2024 festival. This year's event will take place at the historic Richmond Barracks, Saint Michael's Estate, Dublin 8 (Eircode D08 YY05) on Saturday, August 31st and Sunday, September 1st, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. Thanks to a record-breaking turnout in 2023, Dublin Maker has expanded to a two-day celebration, promising even more fun and innovation. This dynamic 'show and tell' festival showcases a diverse range of creators, including tech enthusiasts, crafters, educators, tinkerers, hobbyists, engineers, artists, science clubs, students, authors, and commercial exhibitors. These talented makers, from all ages and backgrounds, come from all over Ireland and beyond to share their passion and creativity.

Dublin Maker aims to entertain, inform, and connect the makers of Ireland, inspiring the next generation of inventors and creators. The IRTS is excited to be part of this mission, showcasing the fascinating world of amateur radio and the society's efforts to promote this engaging hobby in Ireland and beyond. Don't miss out on this fantastic event! Admission is free, and everyone is welcome. Come and meet the IRTS team, explore the wonders of amateur radio, and discover how you can get involved. A big thank you to Jeffrey Roe EI7IRB for his invaluable assistance in making our participation possible. Mark your calendars and join us for a weekend full of creativity, innovation, and community spirit at Dublin Maker 2024!

HF Newsreaders Required

HF newsreaders are required to join our current panel of newsreaders for the weekly Sunday morning 40m and 80m IRTS news bulletins. There is very little involved in reading a bulletin and no experience is necessary. If any licensed IRTS member living in EI feels like that they would be interested in becoming part of the IRTS newsreaders panel or if you require more information, please get in touch with the IRTS News Coordinator Seany EI2HZB by phone on 083 4713001 or via email to [irts_pro /at/ irts.ie](mailto:irts_pro@irts.ie).

145 Alive event is on Sunday 29th September

The next 145 Alive event will take place on the 29th of September from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. David Gardiner EI3IXB is coordinating locations and frequencies on a first come first serve basis. Anyone interested in setting up a control station is reminded to contact David via email at ei3ixb /at/ gmail.com.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group EI2WRC

EI2WRC will be active again today, Sunday, the 18th of August as part of the 27th International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend from Hook Lighthouse ILLW Ref: IE0003. The present structure at Hook is about 800 years old and is the oldest intact operational lighthouse in the world making it the most sought-after lighthouse for this great event, not alone nationally within Ireland but also internationally. Activity will be on HF and on the Southern Ireland Repeater Network.

The August meeting of the EI2WRC group will take place on Monday, August 26th at 8 p.m. sharp at the South East Technological University, Netlabs Research and Innovation Building, SETU West Campus, Carriganore, Waterford. Eircode X91 WR86. Anyone that has an interest in amateur radio or communications in general are very welcome to come along. SWLs are in particular very welcome to attend.

Seany, Shirley, Keith, and the entire EI2WRC team extends a very warm “céad míle fáilte” to both friends old and new to come to Bagenalstown on the 7th and 8th of September for a fun day out as part of the IRTS SSB Field Day Contest which takes place that weekend. Although the weekend is the SSB Field Day Contest, it will be a very social weekend and a chance to catch up with friends. Drop by for a cup of tea and a chat! Everyone is very welcome! Anyone that may be coming for Shirley’s Sunday Super Brunch must book their place by Thursday August 29th. More details to follow in the on www.searg.ie and next week’s IRTS news bulletins.

For more information about EI2WRC, their activities, and for contact details please see www.searg.ie

Skywave Amateur Radio Club Update

The Skywave Amateur Radio Club will be on the air with the callsign EI0SW/p on Sunday 18th Aug at the old head of Kinsale lighthouse, Co. Cork as part of the 27th international lighthouse and lightship weekend. The reference ILLW number is IE007. The club members will be operating on 40 and 20m SSB and welcome all call-ins. If you are in the area, you are invited to please stop by and say hello.

2024 Youngsters on the Air (YOTA) Summer Camp

The 12th annual YOTA summer camp is taking place until the 23rd of August. It aims to

promote amateur radio throughout the next generation of operators and to inspire them to share their passion with other youngsters back in their home countries. This year, the event is being held in Prague. Ana Cañizares EI5IXB, Cillian Berry, and Megan Lorenz EI5LA are representing Ireland. Please listen out for the YOTA callsigns and try contacting them.

July Edition of the IARU Monitoring System Region 1 Newsletter

The July edition of the IARU Monitoring System Region 1 newsletter has been published. It is dominated by reports of military-type signals including over the horizon radar on the HF amateur radio bands. These include signals of Iranian and Israeli origin. Strong signals coupled with good propagation at times mean that these intruders can be quite strong and could be confused with potential local QRM sources. It is well worth reading the newsletters which include examples of the signals to learn more about them.

Interested parties who want to report intruders on the amateur bands are encouraged to send their observations to the Regional Coordinator including the following information: your identification or callsign, the frequency, time in UTC, day, month, any possible identification of the signal, mode, signal strength and any remarks that help describe the signal, a recording, and radio location if possible. Michael Foertig EI3GYB is the national coordinator for Ireland. You can find the newsletters and contact information at www.iaru-r1.org

Contests and Events Update

The IRTS SSB Field Day will take place over the weekend of September 7th and 8th, 2024. This will run from 13:00 UTC on the Saturday to 13:00 UTC the following day. Open and restricted sections are available for entrants. The exchange is signal report and serial number. You can find further information about this event at www.irts.ie/contests

In partnership with the IRTS, RSGB, and the GMDX Group, the 2024 UK/EI DX SSB contest will take place over August 31st and September 1st, 2024. This will start at 1200 UTC on Saturday August 31st and run for 24 hours using SSB on the 80m to 10m bands. All individual entrants to this contest are invited to also enter their teams' competition by linking up with a maximum of two other entrants to form a team entry. The log submission deadline is twenty-four hours after the end of the contest. You can find all the rules and details at www.ukeicc.com

Simulation of Optical Telegraph Experiments from 230 years ago

On the 17th of August as part of Heritage Week, a team of volunteers led by Ray Jordan EI2AH, with the support of the Heritage Council and others simulated an early form of visual communications, used long before electric telegraphs and telephones were invented. Longford-based Richard Lovell Edgeworth's pioneering optical telegraphic message using

semaphore from Dublin to Galway was first tested in the late 1790s and trialled during the 1803 and 1804 period. Using a mix of old and modern technology, the volunteer team simulated a transmission from Kilmainham, Dublin, to the campus of the University of Galway on Saturday August 17th. Details are available at www.mariaedgeworthcenter.com

Items for Inclusion in Next Week's Radio News

That is the news for this week. Items for inclusion in next week's radio news can be submitted by email to newsteam /at/ irts.ie for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. The deadline is midnight on Thursday.

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